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Board of Supervisors to: BOS_Legislative Assistants,
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08/22/2013 09:03 AM

Sent by: **Cytasha Campa**

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From: "EDWARD C REDIG " <eredig@sbcglobal.net>
To: <BoardofSup@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 08/22/2013 08:23 AM
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Thanks Ed



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Dear Supervisors:

Aug 8, 2013

I spent the day at the county board of supervisors meeting on Tuesday and I was a bit mystified as to what happened. There were many good presentations and a lot of information put out, some accurate some not so, but it seemed that people did their best to get their message out. I left the meeting somewhat disappointed in the response to the current situation. It seems that the solution for the folks that are losing their wells is to provide a path that allows them to assume a loan for thousands of dollars that will let them drill a well, but it may or may not last another ten or twenty years. The potential ordinance that might allow for solutions to be developed and create a sustainable future for the groundwater basin could not be agreed upon and from all appearances won't be approved thus allowing business as usual.

I purchased a house in the north county in 1987 and lived there until 1994. The property was adjacent to a winery and after I left they expanded their vineyard up to the property line and in 2006 that well went dry. I built my current house in 1994 and put a 370 foot well in based on what was normal for that time period. I replaced my pump in 2007 due to a hole that had developed in the pipe and I replaced 4 lengths of pipe. I tried to lower my pump at that time and it was as low as it would go. The pipe that was removed showed three working levels that had declined close to 90 feet over the prior 13 years. The water level has continued to decline and the water working level is very close to the pump.

It seems to me that the water code is pretty clear in that the policy of the State is that the use of water for domestic purposes is the highest use of water and the next highest is use for irrigation. By having residents bare the burden of new wells and not addressing the fundamental cause for this problem your lack of direction runs totally against that and is frankly an insult to the residential taxpayers of this County. Your own studies show the steady decline of the Aquifer both in good rain as well as bad rain years and with agriculture using the majority of the water it's pretty clear that this desert we live in is being over watered and it needs to be controlled. The water of the State, both surface and underground, should be developed for the greatest public interest, and I don't think they meant wine grapes! I agree we need to work together, but you need to start the dialog by stopping this now and show that you are working for everyone here in the county.

Edward C Redig



To: BOS_Legislative Assistants,
Cc: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Contact Us (response #2404)
From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Thursday 08/22/2013 09:44 AM
Sent by: Fran Zohns/BOS/COSLO

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From: "Internet Webmaster" <webmaster@co.slo.ca.us>
To: "BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us" <BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 08/21/2013 04:54 PM
Subject: Contact Us (response #2404)

Contact Us (response #2404)

Survey Information

Site:	County of SLO
Page Title:	Contact Us
URL:	http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSContactUs.htm
Submission Time/Date:	8/21/2013 4:53:42 PM

Survey Response

Name:	Robert Odom
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	seaya1@live.com
Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):	Reading with great interest of the "water woes" in the Paso area. Are you aware the many homeowners in the Los Berros area whose wells have done dry? We are having to buy water and have delivered at great cost!! Unfortunately, we are adjacent to the Laetitia Winery, who keep drilling deeper wells and have a proposal for over 100 home subdivision?!! Please do not let this happen!!!



Fw: Letter to the San Luis Obispo County of Board of Supervisors re Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

Fran Zohns to: BOS_Legislative Assistants, cr_board_clerk
Clerk Recorder

08/22/2013 11:03 AM

FYI

Fran Zohns
Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo County
(805)781-5450

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From: Tessa Cornejo/Admin/COSLO
To: Fran Zohns/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 08/22/2013 10:41 AM
Subject: Fw: Letter to the San Luis Obispo County of Board of Supervisors re Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

Is this supposed to go to you?

Sincerely,

Tessa Cornejo
Secretary to Dan Buckshi, CAO
San Luis Obispo County, Administrative Office
Direct Line (805) 781-4691
tcornejo@co.slo.ca.us

----- Forwarded by Tessa Cornejo/Admin/COSLO on 08/22/2013 10:41 AM -----

From: "Aquino, Nancy@Waterboards" <Nancy.Aquino@waterboards.ca.gov>
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Date: 08/22/2013 10:38 AM
Subject: FW: Letter to the San Luis Obispo County of Board of Supervisors re Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

Attached is your copy. Thanks.
Nancy

Nancy Aquino

Executive Office, 25th Floor
State Water Resources Control Board

Nancy.Aquino@waterboards.ca.gov

From: Aquino, Nancy@Waterboards
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2013 10:27 AM
To: 'dgeaslen@co.slo.ca.us'

Cc: Harris, Ken@Waterboards; Jeffrey S. Young (jeff@jeffreyyounglaw.com)

Subject: Letter to the San Luis Obispo County of Board of Supervisors re Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

Good morning, Ms. Geaslen:

Kindly please forward a copy of the attached letter to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors (Bruce Gibson, Frank Mecham, Adam Hill, and Debbie Arnold), regarding the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.

Thank you,

Nancy Aguino

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State Water Resources Control Board
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8-20-13 Final Ltr to San Luis Obispo Co Bd of Supvs re Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.pdf

State Water Resources Control Board

August 20, 2013

San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors
Room D-430
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Supervisors Gibson, Mecham, Hill, and Arnold:

PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN; WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION RELATED TO DECLINING WATER LEVELS

The mission of the California Water Boards includes proper allocation and protection of the State's water resources. California faces serious water resource challenges with growing demand and the uncertainty of climate change. Every source of potable water must be protected and managed to ensure long term sustainability.

We understand that the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (Basin) is in a state of serious overdraft with water levels continuing to decline. After several years of study, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved [The Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Resource Capacity Study](#) in February 2011. The Board then assigned a level of severity III for the main Basin, the most severe of three ratings. I understand that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will consider an emergency ordinance on August 27, 2013 to slow the current trend and allow time to develop a basin management strategy. I believe you have the information to understand the threat to the public and the environment, and I urge you to take immediate action to stabilize the situation by approving the ordinance.

In addition to the impacts on water supply, overdrafting a groundwater basin can negatively affect water quality, the environment, and permanently decrease a basin's storage capacity through the consolidation of sediments. Every region of the state has a responsibility to use all available strategies to maximize their water supplies, including conservation, use of recycled water, pumping restrictions, and comprehensive groundwater basin management. Local action is needed now, given limited surface water supplies to recharge the Basin, increasing demand, and the uncertainties on what impact climate change will have on local annual rainfall. Without such action, users dependent on the Basin will likely continue to experience further water level declines and a degradation of water quality.

FELICIA MARCUS, CHAIR | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Agenda Item No: 13 • Meeting Date: August 27, 2013

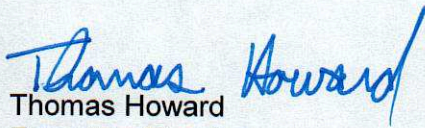
Presented By: Nancy Aguino

Rec'd prior to the meeting & posted on: August 22, 2013

The Water Boards strongly support and go to great lengths to encourage local solutions to these types of groundwater problems. However, the State Water Resources Control Board has the the responsibility to ensure that the State's waters are managed reasonably.

At this time, I have asked the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer to track and report to me your progress in addressing this serious problem. If you have any questions or wish to discuss our concerns, please contact me at (916) 341-5615 (Tom.Howard@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director, Division of Water Rights at (916) 341-5632 (Barbara.Evoy@waterboards.ca.gov), or Ken Harris, Executive Officer, Central Coast Water Board at (805) 549-3140 (Ken.Harris@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,


Thomas Howard
Executive Director

cc: via e-mail

Jeffrey S. Young
Chair
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Ken Harris
Executive Officer
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board



Fw: Pro Water Equity

Board of Supervisors to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder,
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08/22/2013 12:49 PM

Sent by: **Fran Zohns**

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From: dwayoutwest@yahoo.com
To: "BoardofSups@co.slo.ca.us" <BoardofSups@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 08/22/2013 12:47 PM
Subject: Pro Water Equity

Today I have learned that yet another neighbor is having well problems. I wish this letter be entered into the record for the hearing on Aug.27,2013. I encourage you to act on behalf of the people and enact the Interim Urgency Ordinance and to make it retroactive to Aug.6, 2013.

Thank you for your consideration,

Debbi Vanoni

Paso Robles, Ca 93447

Sent from my iPhone



Fw: well going dry

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08/22/2013 02:51 PM

Sent by: **Cytasha Campa**

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From: "Jeff Appling" <pasoroblesfloorco@earthlink.net>
To: <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 08/22/2013 02:49 PM
Subject: well going dry



WELL GOING DRY.jpg

August 22, 2013

Board of Supervisors
County Government Center
1055 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

RE: Ground Water Basin/Well Problems

Board of Supervisors,

I live in the Union/Geneseo area and my well is going dry.
I want to tell you that my well is approximately 385 feet. In 2005 the standing water in the well was at 291 feet. In November 2012 when our pump burned out the water was standing at 359 feet, which means the water has dropped 68 feet in 7 years. At that time we put in a pump saver and they lowered it as well. Our well runs dry about once a month and we have to bring in a water truck.

We are surrounded by vineyards that just added more grapes just a couple months ago and more are planned right off of Union Road and with a new well. We quit watering our lawn 2 years ago.

Just this morning I see out my upstairs window the neighbor behind me has a drilling rig set up in his yard. The family next door to the east of me has water trucked in several times a month. Since we moved in in 2005, at least 7 homes on the street have had their wells lowered. And another neighbor just west of me lowered her well – but hit bedrock and had to go further than usual and it cost her 30,000.00.

The vineyards need to cut back like the rest of us and quit planting more grapes until we come up with a solution.

Sincerely,



Jeff Appling

Paso Robles, CA 93446